



Department of Energy

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Senator Ismael John
c/o Enewetak-Ujelang Local
Government Council
P.O. Box 1199
Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

Dear Senator John:

This is to inform you that the Department of Energy (DOE) recently conducted a safety and environmental review at the Enewetak Field Station as part of our departure preparations from the site. As a consequence of this activity, we have identified several issues and conditions that we wish to remediate over the next several weeks. During our whole-body counting (WBC) mission and visit to Enewetak between February 18-26, 1993, we will validate our corrective actions. We expect no issues to remain by the time of the closeout ceremony at Enewetak on February 26, 1993.


We would be grateful if you could advise Mr. Johnson Ernest and program authorities at Enewetak that a total of six DOE and contractor personnel intend to visit Enewetak between February 4-15, 1993, to carry out and verify the remediation activities. They will require housing and support at the field station and we will pay for these services at the going rate of \$35 per day per person to station management.

There is also the matter of the Enewetak Food and Agriculture Program Office at Majuro that has been jointly used by the Enewetak coordinator and DOE's Raytheon representative. While it is our intention to relinquish this office and to ensure that all equipment, files, and supplies pertaining to the Enewetak Council's program are left for you, there are DOE equipment and files within this office that we need access to, and will remove. Moreover, the DOE vehicle at Majuro that was obtained to support your program cannot be transferred to your control until it is properly transferred and licensed with either the Republic of the Marshall Islands or Council authorities. Accordingly, we request your assistance in ensuring limited one-time access to the office to remove DOE properties and that the vehicle not be operated until transfer is complete.

In regard to the WBC mission scheduled between February 8-26, 1993, we are prepared to visit Ujelang in fulfillment of our commitment made to you in September 1992 in Honolulu to whole-body count the community there. We have since learned that your people have visited Ujelang and have returned back to Enewetak. It does not now appear to be reasonable to visit Ujelang and, therefore, our vessel will arrive directly to Enewetak on February 17, 1993, to conduct our mission there. Please confirm that our information is correct and there is no current need for us to whole-body count people on the island

of Ujelang. We plan to remain at Enewetak until February 26, 1993. This will now enable us to schedule the Enewetak program transfer ceremony on February 26, 1993, to both coincide with the end of the WBC mission and to take advantage of the support and transportation features of our vessel.

Sincerely,



Harry J. Pettengill
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Health